Please amend the Abstract as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

A process for removing trioxane from a use stream I of formaldehyde, trioxane and water, by

a) providing a use stream I ~~which includes~~ of formaldehyde as the main component and trioxane and water as the secondary components,

b) mixing the use stream I with a recycle stream VII ~~which includes trioxane as the main component and formaldehyde and water as the secondary components~~ to obtain a feed stream Ia ~~which includes formaldehyde as the main component and trioxane and water as the secondary components~~,

c) distilling the use stream Ia in a first distillation stage ~~at a pressure of from 0.1 to 2.5 bar~~ to obtain a stream II ~~which includes~~ of formaldehyde as the main component and water as the secondary component, and a stream III ~~which includes~~ of trioxane as the main component and water and formaldehyde as the secondary components,

d) distilling the stream III~~, optionally after removing low boilers from the stream III in a low boiler removal stage,~~ in a second distillation stage ~~at a pressure of from 0.2 to 17.5 bar, the~~ having a pressure ~~in the second distillation stage being from 0.1 to 15 bar~~ higher than ~~the pressure~~ in the first distillation stage, to obtain a stream IV of trioxane and a stream V ~~which includes~~ of trioxane as the main component and water and formaldehyde as the secondary components,

~~e) optionally mixing the stream V with a stream IX which includes water as the main component to obtain a stream Va having a higher water content than the stream V, the stream Va~~

~~including trioxane as the main component and water and formaldehyde as the secondary components,~~

~~f)~~ e) distilling the stream V ~~or Va~~ in a third distillation stage ~~at a pressure of from 1 to 10 bar~~ to obtain a stream VI of water and the recycle stream VII ~~which includes~~ of trioxane as the main component and water and formaldehyde as the secondary components.